

**APRIL 29 IS INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY**

# Enjoy Indian, global dances from today

**THREE-DAY FESTIVAL WITH FILMS, PERFORMANCES IN CITY****DNA Correspondent**

A three-day series of dance events, including performances of Indian dance styles and film screenings, will mark the International Day of Dance in the city.

The programme will be held from Wednesday by Max Mueller Bhavan in association with National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Al-

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liance Francaise de Pune, Maharashtra Cultural Centre and Centre of Contemporary Dance.

Films related to the theme of dance will be screened at the NFAI on Wednesday and Thursday at 6 pm.

The first film to be screened will be *Bala* directed by Satyajit Ray. The 33-minute film is based on Bharatnatyam dancer Balasaraswati.

The other films include *In The Search Of Dance, Bahok,*

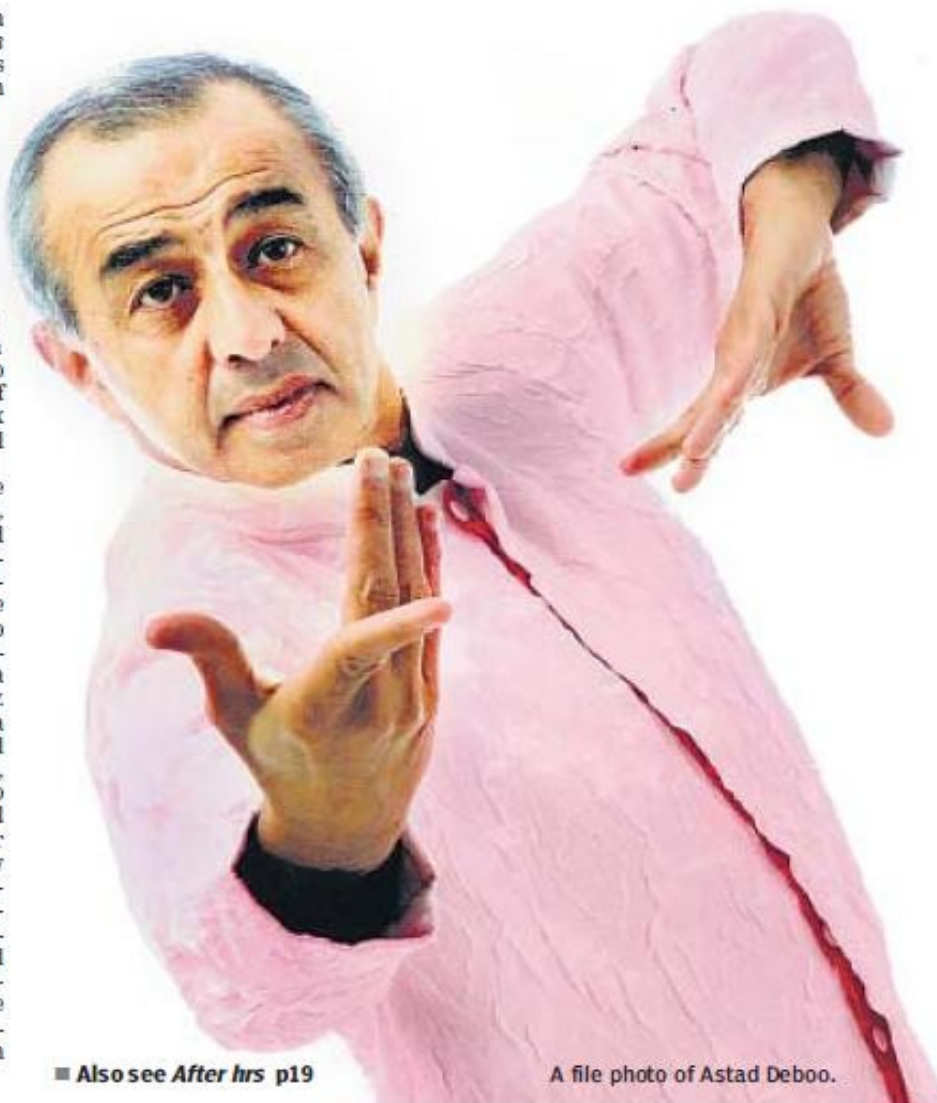
*Hymn To Alvin Ailey* on Wednesday and *Dance With PD* (a film by Mark Morris Group) and *Rhythm Is It* on Thursday.

Open air dance performance will be presented on Friday at Max Mueller Bhavan at 7 pm on Friday.

"The International Day of Dance falls on Thursday. The Germans dance in the month of May as part of their tradition. To mark this occasion, we are organising a special event dedicated to dance," said director of Goethe Institute, Max Mueller Bhavan Michael Flucht.

The main attraction of the festival will be performance, 'Dance Expressions' by Astad Deboo, internationally acclaimed and renowned choreographer and dancer. He will also conduct a workshop for upcoming dancers at Sudarshan Hall at Maharashtra Cultural Centre on Thursday.

Hrishikesh Pawar, a dancer who has attained training at Palucca School, Dresden, Germany is also participating. His group will perform on Friday. Pawar said the dancers trained by him will perform on the occasion. He said a cultural exchange programme in coordination with Palucca School is also on the cards in the future. The entry for the screenings and open air performances is free and on first-come basis.



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A file photo of Astad Deboo.

## DANCE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**April 28 and 29**

Film screenings at NFAI 6 pm onwards

**April 29**

Dance workshop by Astad Deboo at Sudarshan Hall, Maharashtra Cultural Centre from 2 pm onwards

**April 30**

Dance performances by Astad Deboo and Hrishikesh Pawar's dance group at Max Mueller Bhavan at 7 pm



## DANCE GROUP BEING FORMED

A dance group is being formed by Max Mueller Bhavan in 2011/12 to mark the 60th anniversary of Indo-German relations. Students who are learning German are invited to apply mid-June onwards at Max Mueller Bhavan. For details visit [www.goethe.de/pune](http://www.goethe.de/pune)